(in Tonnes)

Spiece/State	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95(P)
Chilly Total	862100	800100	747900
(Major growing States)			
Andhra Pradesh	373100	324000	327800
Gujarat	19800	20500	20500
Karnataka	97400	110300	87700
Maharashtra	68400	61300	56900
Orissa	68500	75500	75500
Rajasthan	62100	46900	38800
Tamil Nadu	45700	43700	33900
West Bengal	44400	42200	44300
Turmeric Total	407700	707400	659400
(Major growing States)			
Andhra Pradesh	171800	384900	363400
Assam	5100	6000	6700
Karnataka	48800	74700	79000
Orissa	47000	51100	51100
Tamil Nadu	83200	136600	105000

Source:—(1) Directorate of Economics and Statistics, New Delhi for Pepper, Chilly and Turmeric
(2) Spices Board for Cardamom.

(c) Details of the total quantity and value of the spices exported during the last 3 years are given below:—

Quantity-(In Mts)
Value-(In Rs. lakhs)

Year	Total Exports	
	Qty.	Value
1993-94	182361	56890.64
1994-95	157643	61224.49
1995-96(P)	211515	78589.33

(P)—Provisional
(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

The country-wise details of exports are available in the monthly bulletin/annual numbers of the Foreign Trade Statistics published by the DGCI&S, Calcutta, copies of which are supplied to the Parliament Library.

Import and Export of Rubber

2303. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rubber imported in the country during the last five years against exports allowed as incentive to exporters; and

(b) whether taking into account the present fall in price of rubber, these exporters will be allowed to purchase the required quantity from India itself, treating such purchase as 'deemed import' and giving all the benefits of the imports to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Only figures relating to total import of rubber are maintained by DGCI&S, Calcutta. Figures of Imports against exports, are not being maintained separately.

(b) No such scheme is under consideration.

Criteria adopted for Selection of items under OGL and SIL

2304. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether pursuant to export liberalisation obligations under World Trade Organisation, Government have lifted the curbs on imports of a large-number of common and popular consumer items, and shifted several others from restricted to special import licence list;

(b) if so, the details of such items and to what extent it is adverse balance of trade and criteria adopted in selecting the items for imports under OGL and SIL; and

(c) to what extent the balance of trade is likely to be reduced with the implementation of the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) Review of the Export & Import Policy is a continuous process and changes in it are being made from time to time keeping in view various factors like Multilateral/bilateral trade relations, balance of payment position etc. Changes are made on the basis of representations/ recommendations received from trade and industry or the concerned Ministries/ Departments. Changes in the Export and Import Policy of a few items have recently been made as per details indicated in Ministry of Commerce Notification No. 23(RE-96) dated 10.02.1997, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library. As the notification has been recently issued, it would be too early to make any assessment regarding reduction in the balance of trade on this account.

Favour done to ED (Vigilance) in STC

2305. SHRI NAGMANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present CMD, STC in violation of service regulations allocated responsibilities of foreign offices to ED (Vigilance);

(b) whether it is not an example to keep ED (Vigilance) in good humour as the Director (Personnel) has also been given some additional work confirming that he was not having sufficient work;

(c) the data-wise and country-wise visits of ED (Vigilance) indicating the purpose of visit and if he took his wife on free ticket in violation of Government instructions;

(d) whether the Commerce Ministry supported the above actions of ED (Vigilance) and CMD, STC; and

(e) if not, the action Government propose to take against these officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) The terms of deputation of ED (Vigilance), STC mention about non-transference to another post/promotion to an ex-cadre/higher post by the Company and additional responsibility without prior approval of the Competent Authority in the lending Department. ED (Vigilance), STC has been entrusterd with work relating to administration of the Foreign Offices which has no bearing on trade activities for which Foreign Offices deal directly with the concerned managers. The Central Vigilance Commission has been kept fully apprised by STC of this additional function being performed by ED (Vigilance), STC.

(c) to (e) The following foreign visits were necessitated for carrying out detailed inspection of foreign offices by ED (Vigilance), STC:—

(i) New York	2.1.95—4.1.95
Frankfurt	5.1.95—7.1.95